

SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2026 – THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Activities at St James, during the coming week:

10.30am

Morning Prayer

Leading: Mrs Sue Swailes

Preaching: Rev John Sephton

Readings: Acts 2: 14a & 36-41 Luke 24: 13-35

Also JAFFA

Collect for Today

“Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.” Amen.

**Monday 20 April
9.15am - 11.15am**

Wardens meeting in Church

**Tuesday 21 April
7.00pm – 7.25pm**

**Prayer in the Evening in Church and on Zoom
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**Tuesday 21 April
7.30pm – 8.45pm**

**LIFE Group in Church and on Zoom. Studying the Gospel of Luke.
Chapter 19.
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**Thursday 23 April
6.00pm – 7.00pm**

ESOL For Beginners: in Church

**Saturday 25 April
10.00am to 12 Noon**

Coffee and Chat. We look forward to seeing you.

**Saturday 25 April
4.00pm to 6.00pm**

Family Fun and Food (FF and F) In the Village Hall.

**Sunday 26 April
10.30 am**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Community Praise – with St James’ School taking the Service.**

12 noon

APC Meeting in Church: All are invited to stay.

The 10.30 am Service will be live-streamed and recorded. If you do not want to be recorded please inform the Wardens. Viewing via YouTube will be available from 2.00pm on the Service day at: @stjameswesthead

175th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

UP COMING EVENTS:

- Past Vicar returning: **Rev Graham Milford** will preach, 10.30am Sunday 3rd May
- Sunday 14th June 10.30am Bishop Ruth will preach and Celebrate
- Monday 29th June School setting up Art Exhibition
- Thursday 2nd and Sunday 5th July, Community and School Art Exhibition
- Sunday 5th July 2.30pm-4.00pm Afternoon tea
- Wednesday 8th July Rev John has been Ordained 25 years
- Sunday 12th July Past Vicar returning: **Rev David Towler** will preach
- Saturday 25th July Feast of St James
- 19th August 1851 St James was consecrated by the Bishop of Chester
- August and September: History Exhibition
- 20 September: Parish Meal

(APCM) ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:

In Church after the morning service on Sunday the 26 April starting at 12 noon.

- Could you all please make an effort to stay and come? This is an excellent opportunity to hear the reports (that require a lot of time to produce) and also to have a better understanding of what is going on in this Church and how your money is being spent.
- We are looking for 3 Deanery Synod representatives
(meetings are 3 times a year at different Churches in the Deanery)
- You have an opportunity to elect 2 Churchwardens
- New Parochial Church Council members are needed. (Meetings are 6 times a year and mostly on Zoom)
- For further info and any questions, please speak to Jayne, Barbara or Rev John.

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KNOWING JESUS**

DAILY BREAD READINGS FOR W/C 19 APRIL 2026

Sun	19	Psalm 82	Thurs	23	1 Timothy 3: 1-7
Mon	20	1 Timothy 1: 1-11	Fri	24	1 Timothy 3: 8-13
Tues	21	1 Timothy 1: 12-20	Sat	25	1 Timothy 3: 14-4:5
Wed	22	1 Timothy 2			

Prayer Requests

People who are not well:

Mo Fletcher, Sharon Goth, Russell Tague, Heather Lyon, Laura Duran-Smith, Simon Horsfall, Kath Torres, Bill Evans, Bella Preston, Lucy Marie Knight, Dave Johnston, Ray Quinn, Grantham Fiddler, Alan Bell, Ali Buckley, Jean Dutton, Brenda Taylor, Derek Williams, Terry Beesley, Marion Langton's granddaughter Olivia, Dave Gee, Shannon Gee-Fulham, Denise Shortell, Ray and Barbara Burke, Mark Houlton, Gordon Fielding, Joan Fielding, Irene Case, Hazel Davies, Siobhan Carmichael, Jane Duxsbury, Tracy Webb, Ian Fisher, Maria Keating Dumbell, Zoe Simpkin, Dave Savage, Sue Oliver, Liselore Woltering (the late Tish Davis' daughter), Richard Kitt, Vi Clough, Dorothy Rawsthorne, Murdoch Sadeghin and Harry Blackburn.

Please also pray for the bereaved families of: Ronald Rowles.

Prayers for the Parish and beyond:

1. Priests; Ormskirk, Skelmersdale, Newburgh, Westhead
2. To give thanks for Christ's forgiving love
3. For the Power of God's Spirit in our lives
4. For Spiritual Growth in our Church families
5. For people in our Parish to know Christ in their lives – please pray for people living in Charlesbye Avenue, Delph Top, Lathom Lane, Sandy Lane and Dark Lane
6. Coffee and Chat, CAMEO, JAFFA, Church in the Hall, LIFE, Community Praise, the Village Hall, Music Group & Leader
7. For the children, their families and their spiritual development.
8. For the Church's link with the School and Collective Worship
9. For outreach and growth in numbers
10. For the Under 18s leadership team, Street Pastors and School Pastors
11. Special prayers for our Children and Family Fun, Food and Fellowship
12. Please remember all the Students and Staff at Edge Hill University. All are welcome to worship with us.
13. Please continue to pray for the NHS who are under pressure in how they manage the backlog of many medical issues
14. Your prayers are asked for the continuing wars in Ukraine, Iran and Lebanon
15. We pray for all refugees, especially from Yemen, Palestine, Syria, Gaza, Ukraine
16. Please pray that these wars will cease and peace will be achieved
17. Prayer Board: This will be available each week for your prayers in the Outer Porch Area of Church. These will be prayed for in Church the following Sunday. Urgent prayers that cannot wait please speak to Rev John or a Warden.
18. Please would you continue to pray that people's hearts would focus on God and not be persuaded into the evil that we so often see displayed in life today.

MAKING HIM KNOWN

1. **Talent Time Again:** This will continue until the end of June, we are again offering you £10.00 to help get you started so you can develop your entrepreneurial skills. All proceeds will be given to the Church Mission Society (CMS). For further information, please speak to either John or Janette.
2. **Phoebe Gibbons' sponsor info:** I am swimming 175 lengths to celebrate 175 years of St James Church. The money I raise will go towards the 175th Anniversary Fund. Please sponsor me if you can. A Sponsor Form is available at the back of Church.
3. **Imogen and Phoebe Church Shopping bags:** A photo is being sent with this email. **£5.00 each, ideal for Christmas or other presents. Do please support them.**
4. **Refills for Air Fresheners:** Refills are available at **£4.00 per bottle and Air fresheners at £5.00 each. Please contact Heather Doyle, 07989 899157**
5. **Tomato Plants:** These will be available towards the end of April, **£1 each. Please put your name and quantity on the sheet in the Fellowship Area. Please see Rev John.**
6. **'Youthscape Essentials Course', St John's Church, Burscough, the next session is on Tuesday 5 May 2026 7.00pm – 9.00pm:** This course is for established and potential new leaders who would be interested in working with young people at St James. There will be an attachment with this Bulletin, explaining more.
7. **Hymns / Songs to sing in Church:** There is a box at the back of Church for you to tell us what you would like us to sing on a Sunday. Do let us know.
8. **Prayer for individuals after Sunday Service:** We are looking for **2 people** who would be willing to pray with others for specific needs, on a rotational basis. It is thought that this would take place in the Upper Room for 15 minutes? after Morning Worship. If you would like to be involved please speak to either of our Wardens or Rev John.
9. **ORMSKIRK PRAYER ANCHORHOLD:** All are welcome to join in person as we pray "Thy Will Be Done" for all the local Churches, for our Town and local life and for our University. **Anchorhold Prayer will be held every weekday Monday to Friday 8am to 9am in Ormskirk New Church House.** You are welcome to come and stay for as long as you are able. If you prefer you could pray along with us at home. A list of suggested topics to pray for each day, are available in the Fellowship Area in Church.
10. **Home Communions:** Should anyone, or you may know of someone, who would like Communion at home, or in the pew at church, please contact Rev John Sephton or the Wardens.
11. **Church Cleaning:** We are very grateful to Catherine and her team of loyal helpers who faithfully keep our Church looking so beautiful. Thank you all very much. We are still short of 4 people. Would anyone be able to offer to go on the cleaning rota? If you would, or would like to find out what is actually involved, please speak to our **Cleaning Co-ordinator Catherine Spencer.**
12. **A Prayer focussing on our Vision Statement:** Lord Jesus, we ask that you help, enable and equip us in sharing the Good News of Jesus amongst those who are close to us in our Church family, and beyond, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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NOTICES**

- 1. Reliable and kind assistant seeking part-time work:** I am a woman from Ukraine looking for additional work. I am punctual, honest and hardworking, I can help with: Elderly Care: Light Housekeeping, Grocery Shopping, and Meal Preparation. Childcare: I have extensive experience with children of all ages. Currently, I work at a school-based kindergarten, so your little ones will be in safe hands. I am responsible and treat every task with great care. If you or your family need a helping hand, please send me a message! (Natalie) Contact through a Church Officer.
- 2. Midstream Fridays in the Village Hall from 10.00am-11.45am:** The weekly Coffee Mornings are run by Midstream staff and students, do come along and support them. All welcome, the cakes are delicious!
- 3. 'Our Daily Bread' and 'UCB' Bible reading notes:** Are available for you to take and read. Copies of these notes are available in the Fellowship Area. There is no charge. If when you have had a look at these notes you would like to have a copy on a regular basis, please have a word with Janette. The readings/stories set for each day are very helpful and relevant to today's situations.
- 4. Birthdays or Anniversaries.** For those who have a birthday or anniversary this week, we send our Congratulations and our Prayers.

Contacts for St James:

St James' Website: The link is: www.stjameswesthead.org.uk

Church Contacts:

For all Pastoral Matters: Rev John Sephton
minister@stjameswesthead.org.uk (Friday is Rev John's rest day)

Matters concerning the Church Building or Graveyard, Jayne Illingworth or Barbara Westhead
churchwarden@stjameswesthead.org.uk Church Telephone: 01695 580725

Bulletin Notices: Further information please send to Janette or John Sephton by Monday evening, please email: minister@stjameswesthead.org.uk

Weekly Bulletin: is mainly available by email. Please let Heather have your email address: heather.doyle@btinternet.com if you would like to be added to our current distribution list. A few hard copies are available in the Fellowship Area.

NOTICES: Future Dates and Activities

- 1. Church Gardening Group; 10.00am – Noon, Saturday 2 May 2026:** Further info from Sue and Roger Swailes.
- 2. Next CAMEO meeting Wednesday 6 May:** Village Hall 1.00pm to 3.00pm. There will be a talk on the origins of the Ormskirk Gingerbread.